

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims as indicated below. A marked-up copy of all claims is attached for reference.

4. (amended) Device according to Claim 2, characterized in that said non-linear crystal is a BBO crystal.

6. (amended) Device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the intensity limiter (4) and the non-linear optical means (10) are placed on either side of the active gain medium (5).

7. (amended) Device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the intensity limiter (4) is placed between the non-linear optical means (10) and the active gain medium (5).

8. (amended) Device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the active gain medium is an Nd:YAG crystal.

9. (amended) Device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the non-linear optical means (10) has a reflection coefficient of the radiation at the second harmonic ( $\omega_2$ ) which is greater than the reflection coefficient of the radiation at the fundamental frequency ( $\omega_1$ ).

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 4, and 6-9.

A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application, but the new Abstract is typed on a separate page as required by U.S. practice.

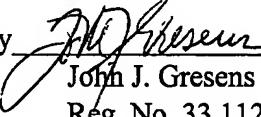
Applicant respectfully requests that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's primary attorney-of record, John J. Gresens (Reg. No. 33,112), at (612) 371.5265.

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